

REMARKS

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The Examiner objected to claims 37-38, 42-43, and 47-48 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have rewritten claims 37, 42, and 47 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse the §103 rejections with the following arguments.

35 U.S.C. §103

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Since Applicants have canceled claims 12, 20, 22, 34, 36, 39, 41, 44, and 46, Applicants respectfully contend that the rejection of claims 12, 20, 22, 34, 36, 39, 41, 44, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot.

Claims 3, 5, 13-14, 16, and 35 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 37. Therefore, Applicants respectfully contend that claims 3, 5, 13-14, 16, and 35 are likewise allowable.

Claims 18-19, 21, and 40 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 42. Therefore, Applicants respectfully contend that claims 18-19, 21, and 40 are likewise allowable.

Claims 26, 28-31, 30-31, 33, and 45 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 47. In addition, claim 32 depends from allowable claim 47. Therefore, Applicants respectfully contend that claims 26, 28-31, 30-33, and 45 are likewise allowable.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

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